

WILSON RECOMMENDS WAR DECLARATION AGAINST AUSTRIA

**Says That Course of Action
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Mistress, in Order to Meet
the Anomalous Situation
Now Facing United States**

UNITED STATES WILL NOT END THE WAR

**Until Peace Can Be Made
with German Rulers Who
Can Be Trusted, Till Ger-
many Makes Reparation,
and Until Germany Re-
cedes from Occupied Ter-
ritory**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—Immediate declaration of war against Austria-Hungary was recommended to Congress today by President Wilson. He did not, however, recommend a declaration against Turkey and Bulgaria at this time.

"Immediate war against Austria," the president said, "was necessary to meet the anomalous situation the United States faces in the war with Germany even though Austria was not her own mistress and merely a vassal of Germany."

In ringing, definite terms the president declared that nothing shall turn the United States until the war is won and Germany is beaten. All talk of peace he pronounced out of the question. Peace, the president declared, could come only when the German people make it through rulers the world can trust, when they make reparation for the destruction their present rulers have wrought and when Germany recedes from all territory acquired by armed conquest.

MESSAGE SENT ALL OVER WORLD

**It Was Entrusted to British News Dis-
tributing Agency But Was Not
Given Out in Advance to
Any American News-
papers.**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—The international character of President Wilson's address, which was delivered to Congress today, was indicated by the fact that the government already had placed it for simultaneous publication in practically every capital in the world. Although the address was not trusted in advance to the American newspapers or news distributing agencies, it already had been placed with the London office of Reuters, the principal European news distributing agency, which is to supply others in Europe. Indirectly, the address will get to Berlin and other central powers' capitals. The world-wide distribution is also evidenced by the fact that it will be available for publication today in China and Japan.

COOL, OBEDIENT, BRAVE

**Is the Way French Government Charac-
terizes American Engineers.**

Washington, Dec. 4.—High tribute to the gallant conduct of the American army engineers in France who were caught in the German encircling attack on the British lines near Cambrai, is paid in an official communication from the French government received here last night by cable. The communication follows:

"We must remark upon the conduct of certain American soldiers, pioneers and workmen on the military railroad in the sector of the German attack west of Cambrai on Nov. 30. They exchanged their picks and shovels for rifles and cartridges and fought with the English. Many died thus bravely, arms in hand, before the invaders. All helped to repulse the enemy. There is not a single person who saw them at work who does not render warm praise to the coolness, discipline and courage of these improvised combatants."

BIG WATERFRONT FIRE.

**Million-Dollar Loss Sustained in South
Brooklyn Last Night.**

New York, Dec. 4.—Four large buildings at the Morse Drydock and Repair company on the South Brooklyn waterfront were destroyed by fire last night with an estimated loss of \$1,000,000. The origin of the fire is unknown. United States soldiers on duty at the plant declared that the fire started suddenly in the carpenter shop where hundreds of men were working and then quickly spread to other buildings. The Morse company was working on large government orders.

This is one of the few private plants that has a guard of United States soldiers. A sentry fired his rifle into the air when he discovered a thin flame eating its way out of one end of the large wooden carpenter shop. Firemen, fireboats and members of the naval reserves fought the fire.

The carpenter shop, joining shop and the pattern shop, all wooden buildings, were burned to the ground, and the immense brick machine shop, in which valuable machinery was stored, was destroyed. An employee's restaurant and an oil storage plant caught fire, but were saved with little damage.

FRENCH BEGIN HEAVY FIRING

**Activity in Champagne May
Mean an Infantry
Attack**

GERMANS REPLY WITH MUCH VIGOR

**German Movement on Ver-
dun Front Was Put
Down**

Paris, Dec. 4.—On the Verdun front of the Meuse the Germans last night attempted to approach French positions but were thrown back, the war office announced. On the Champagne front heavy artillery fighting is in progress.

CLOSE WARFARE FOR 48 HOURS

**Armistice Between Russia and Germany
Was Signed To-day at Prince Leo-
pold's Headquarters in the
German Lines.**

London, Dec. 4.—An armistice between Russia and Germany has been signed at the headquarters of Prince Leopold of Bavaria, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam to-day. The armistice is valid for the period of 48 hours.

Vienna, via London, Dec. 4.—The following official communication was issued yesterday:

"During the last few days an armistice has been announced on many sectors of the Russian front, from division to division and from corps to corps. In the Pripiet region the Russian army concluded an official armistice with the opposing command of the allied (Teutonic) troops."

"A Russian deputation crossed our lines yesterday in order to prepare the way with the plenipotentiaries of the allied (Teutonic) armies for an armistice on the whole of the Russian front."

"In the Italian theatre and in Albania there is nothing new to report."

TEUTONS COVER UP MOVEMENTS ON ITALY FRONT

**They Are Giving Demonstrations of Ar-
tillery But in No Such Concentrated
Manner as to Indicate a
Great Attack.**

Italian Headquarters, Monday, Dec. 3 (By Associated Press).—Enemy activity is now taking the form of artillery demonstrations followed by infantry movements. The gunfiring is not as concentrated as that preceding a determined assault. The demonstrations are intended either to mask other movements or as feels for the best opening in the line.

GREAT RESULTS ARE PROMISED

**As the Result of the Inter-Allied Con-
ference Which Has Just Been
Concluded in Paris.**

Paris, Dec. 4.—The inter-allied war conference was closed yesterday with a brief address by Colonel E. M. House, chairman of the American mission. Col. House, delivering the closing address at the request of Premier Clemenceau, said: "M. Clemenceau, the president of the French council in welcoming the delegates to this conference, declared that we had met to work. His words were prophetic. There has been co-ordination and a unity of purpose which promise great results for the future. It is my deep conviction that by this unity and by concentrated effort we shall be able to arrive at the goal which we have set out to reach."

In behalf of my colleagues, I want to avail myself of this occasion to thank the officials of the French government, and through them the French people, for the warm welcome and great consideration they have shown us. In coming to France we have felt that we were coming to the house of our friends. Ever since our government was founded there has been a bond of interest and sympathy between us—a sympathy which this war has fanned into a passionate admiration. The history of France is a history of courage and sacrifice; therefore the great deeds which have illuminated the last three years have come as no surprise to us of America. We knew that when called on France would rise to a splendid achievement and would add lustre to her name."

"America salutes France and her heroic sons and deeds honored to fight by the side of so gallant a comrade."

CLEARED OF TEUTONS.

**East Africa Now Dominated By Entente
Allies.**

London, Dec. 4.—"East Africa has been completely cleared of the enemy." This official announcement was made last night.

The text of the announcement reads: "Telegraphing under date of Dec. 1, General Vanderventer (commander of the military forces in East Africa) has reported that reconnaissance have definitely established that German East Africa is completely cleared of the enemy. Thus the whole of German overseas possessions have passed into our hands and those of our Belgian allies. Only a small German force now remains in being. This has taken refuge in adjoining Portuguese territory and measures are being taken to deal with it."

Mrs. Mary Dombronskie of Moretown, who has been passing the week end with her son, Charles Smith, leaves to-day for Des Moines to pass the winter with her son.

PROMPT REDUCTION OF BREAD PRICES

**Is Recommended by the War Emergency
Council of the Baking Industry—
Government License Goes into
Effect December 10.**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—The immediate reduction of bread prices, wherever possible has been recommended to the bakers throughout the country by the war emergency council of the baking industry. The bakers will go under government license on Dec. 10, using a set formula and producing the standardized loaf required by the food administrator.

EXPECTS LOWER PRICES In Meat, Milk and Other Commodities Because of Much Corn.

New York, Dec. 4.—Lower prices in meat, milk and other commodities as a result of the enormous crop of corn which it is expected will be distributed through the country by Jan. 15, was forecast by Federal Food Administrator Hoover in a statement last night. He declared that this extraordinary crop is "the certain economic remedy for high prices."

Mr. Hoover attended several conferences here yesterday at which the food situation was discussed with federal and state officials. Plans to appoint food administrators in every city and county of New York state were formulated at one of these gatherings.

Mr. Hoover later issued a statement in which he outlined what immediate relief consumers of the country might expect. The statement said:

"The real fundamental and economic relief is the coming of the corn crop, the greatest crop we have known in many years. It is now practically four weeks behind time, due to many causes. I expect that by Jan. 15 this great crop will have been started on the way to the consumers through the various channels."

"This crop is not only plentiful, but will be sold at a reasonable price. The cost of corn is dropping every day. In proportion to the cheapness of corn to the farmers we shall have reflected lower prices of such commodities as milk and meat. One of the delays in the movement of the corn crop has been the shortage of cars."

"Corn is really one-half of our food, and this extraordinary crop of approximately three and a quarter billion bushels is the certain economic remedy for high prices."

As to the regulation of prices of all commodities by the government, Mr. Hoover said that either prices must be regulated or there must be a continuous wage increase, and added: "In other words, wages must ascend according to the prices of the necessities of life. I mean by that, that the high cost of living must stop, or we must have a continuous ascending wage scale. A continuous increase in wages usually underrates national efficiency, and of the two evils it is evident that we must make an effort to regulate the prices."

SLIGHT RELIEF FOR RAILROADS

**But Interstate Commerce Commission
Denied Application of Western
Roads to Raise Commodity
Rates on Iron and
Steel.**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—The interstate commerce commission to-day denied the application of the western railroads to raise commodity rates on iron and steel but allowed the filing of a raise slightly higher than those maintained at present.

The applications for increased rates on livestock in less than carload rates on of the Mississippi river were denied, but permission was given to make new premium rate rulings, which would result in small increases.

MAY USE ONE CHURCH.

**Four Protestant Societies in St. Albans
Discuss Matter.**

St. Albans, Dec. 4.—Committees representing the Methodist, Baptist, Universalist, and Congregational churches met at the Congregational chapel last night and discussed thoroughly the advisability of using one church during the winter in order to save fuel. The committee have to take the matter up with their respective churches for further action.

The two Roman Catholic churches of this city and at the Bay will not be open for the winter except on holy days of obligation. St. Luke's Episcopal church will also have less than the usual number of services.

MILITANT MINISTERS MISSED.

**Departure of 15 Congregational Pastors
Makes Big Hole in Vermont.**

Brattleboro, Dec. 4.—The Congregational ministers of Windham county met here yesterday for a conference with Rev. C. C. Merrill of Burlington, secretary of the Vermont conference, on various problems touching the work in the county and state. It was brought out that 15 Congregational ministers in Vermont had gone into work connected with the war, making a decided shortage in the state. It was the sense of the meeting that an effort be made to secure laymen to fill the vacant pulpits temporarily.

TALK OF THE TOWN

John Abbiatti, of Howard street was taken to the City Hospital yesterday suffering with pneumonia.

Frank E. Craddock of the Drown pharmacy has received a letter from William McCaffrey, formerly his fellow employee, postmarked Camp Devens in which Mr. McCaffrey, now Corp. McCaffrey, states that he has been in the new national army for more than two months. He was drafted from Lowell, Mass., soon after his marriage in the summer. "Corp. McCaffrey was advanced from the ranks a short time ago and is now engaged as the boxing instructor of his company. He says that Battling Levinsky appears at the camp three times weekly to tutor the instructors and that the result of his training among the men is rapidly becoming apparent. Before leaving Barre last spring, Corp. McCaffrey attempted to enlist in the navy, but was rejected because of a physical physical defect, which has been corrected."

HUGE FRAUD IS ALLEGED

**Four Men Accused of Con-
spiracy to Rob the
Government**

ON CONTRACTS FOR SERVICE HATS

**Indictment Is Said to Cover
Hundreds of Thousands
of Dollars**

New York, Dec. 4.—A conspiracy to defraud the United States government out of hundreds of thousands of dollars on contracts for more than a million service hats is charged in an indictment filed against William B. Thom, John J. Slatery, Joseph Ives and Edward Slatery, who are connected with the corporation of Thom & Bailey, the Peekskill Hat Manufacturing Co., and the firm of H. D. Parmelee & Cove. Two inspectors in the quartermasters' corps, Arthur C. Gilson and Peter J. Duffy, are also named as conspirators in the indictment.

MUST TRY TO DELIVER ALL QUESTIONNAIRES

**Postmasters Throughout the Country
Were Ordered to Use Every Effort
to Reach the Registrars.**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—Postmasters throughout the country were instructed in an order to-day to make every effort to insure the delivery to registrars of the questionnaires mailed by local exemption boards. If not delivered, the questionnaires must be returned to the board with the postmaster's endorsement, stating the reason for non-delivery.

TO APPOINT LAYMEN

**In Washington County Towns to Work
on Selective Draft.**

The Washington county legal advisory board for the selective draft met at the county courthouse in Montpelier yesterday afternoon and will meet again next Friday when laymen from the various towns will be called in consultation. After that conference the appointments of laymen in the towns will be announced. J. W. Gordon of Barre is chairman of the board.

FOUR NAVAL RECRUITS

**Accepted by Montpelier Headquarters
To-day—They Will Go to Burlington.**

Four recruits for the United States navy were accepted by the local recruiting office at Montpelier to-day and the men will be sent to Burlington for further examination. The men are Clarence Haskins of Montpelier, W. W. Keirn of Newport, end on the Montpelier seminary football team, Harold W. Snow of Moretown and Vernon H. Nault of Barton.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Charles Furey, who is employed in Hartford, Conn., is passing a week's vacation with friends in the city.

Mrs. F. C. Wetmore and John B. Kelly were in Richmond yesterday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Patrick LaBelle, a relative.

Carl Norris, who is taking a vacation from his duties aboard the Graniteville state, is passing a week with relatives in Springfield.

U. S. Sailor Harley Page of Camp Hingham, Mass., spent the week-end at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Alvin Clark, after spending Thanksgiving with his parents in Plainfield.

Harry O. Stafford, who is employed as manager of the Combination Cash store of Burlington, left this city Sunday noon on a business trip to New York in the interest of the concern.

Mrs. R. C. Waterman of Camp street received word to-day that her fancy work on a centerpiece won one of the national prizes in a contest conducted by the Star Threadage of New York.

Copies of the public acts and statutes of Vermont received in numbers at city hall this morning, and persons who are entitled to the books may have them by calling at the office of the city clerk.

Miss Bertina Hooker, who has been passing the Thanksgiving recess with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hooker of Park street, returned this forenoon to Cambridge, Mass., where she is a student in the Bergant school.

Dr. Homer Sowles, who is a first lieutenant in the dental corps, returned yesterday to his home in Boston, after visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Sowles of Beckley street, during the past few days.

John Hall, who has been seriously ill in the home of his sister, Mrs. Harry King, of South Main street for several weeks, was able to be down town to-day for the first time since his illness. Mr. Hall's condition is materially improved.

John Sharon of Graniteville, who was locked up on an intoxication charge last night, appeared before Magistrate H. W. Scott in city court this morning and acknowledged a subsequent offense. The respondent was unable to pay the \$15 fine and costs assessed him and took the jail alternative.

Irate pedestrians, who claim to have exhausted their patience in dodging sleds on city walks and highways, are storming police headquarters with complaints against coasting on proscribed streets. The police direct attention to the list of streets reserved for coasting and advise that trouble is in store for youngsters and parents who may be responsible for violations of the council order.

Plans for the twelfth annual exhibit of the Vermont Poultry association, which is to be held in the Pavilion theatre on Pearl street on Jan. 1, 2 and 3 are being made, and to that end the premium lists went into the hands of the printer this morning for publication. Judging from the present outlook, the exhibition will surpass those of previous years, despite the fact that many other associations in the state will not hold their annual exhibitions this year.

CUTLER-HOOKER.

**Barre Young Woman Bride of Lieutenant
in U. S. Dental Corps.**

At her home, 17 Park street, last evening at 6 o'clock, Miss Frieda Christina Hooker, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Hooker, and Lieut. Harold Cutler, of the dental reserve corps in the U. S. army, were married by Rev. B. G. Lipaky, pastor of the Hedding Methodist church. The double ring service was used. Only the immediate family members witnessed the ceremony, and the decorations, which consisted of the national colors, struck a note of simplicity in keeping with the quiet nature of the ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of Spaulding high school and Simmons college and is very favorably known in Barre. Dr. Cutler was graduated from Clark college in Worcester, Mass., and afterward received his diploma in the Harvard Dental college. After practicing successfully in Edmonton, Alberta, he returned to Boston and was engaged in his profession when he found a place in the first 100 from Boston to be assigned to Camp Devens. Immediately after joining the colors, Dr. Cutler took the examinations for the dental reserve corps and upon passing received a first lieutenantcy. He is stationed at Camp Upton, Yaphank, L. I., to which post he will return tomorrow.

TEN GAMES ARRANGED

**On the Basketball Schedule of Spaulding
High School.**

The preliminary basketball schedule for the Spaulding high school quintet was announced this morning by Prin. H. H. Jackson. Four teams in the league race last season have dropped out of the schedule this year, they being Montpelier seminary, Stowe high school, St. Johnsbury academy and Hardwick academy, while two new teams appear on the schedule, they being Waterbury high school and St. Albans high school teams.

Under the direction of James Kenefick, who is in charge of the Spaulding team this season, the red and blue team have been practicing daily during the past two weeks and with a fine nucleus in Captain Geals, Mann, Lyon, Morse and Young of last season's team and with several promising players in Carpenter, Marchand, McMahon and Ball, the Spaulding team looms up as a conspicuous figure in the league race this year.

The schedule is as follows:
Jan. 11—Burlington high school at Burlington.
Jan. 18—Montpelier high school at Barre.

Jan. 25—St. Albans high school at Barre.
Feb. 1—People's academy at Morrisville.

Feb. 8—Waterbury high school at Barre.
Feb. 15—Burlington high at Barre.

Feb. 21—Montpelier high school at Montpelier.
March 1—St. Albans high school at St. Albans.

March 8—People's academy at Barre.
March 15—Waterbury high school at Waterbury.

TYPO UNION GETS RAISE.

**Two Dollars a Week Added to Their
Minimum Wages.**

At a meeting of Barre local, No. 402, Typographical union, last evening, the members ratified an agreement whereby they are to receive substantial wage increases after Jan. 1, 1918. The present bill expires at the end of this month and its successor provides for a weekly increase of \$2 to the members who are now receiving \$16, and a \$2 raise to those who are receiving \$18 per week. The minimum scales, therefore, are changed from \$16 to \$18 and from \$18 to \$20, the former applying to newspaper ad. men and job compositors, while the latter is the minimum for linotype operators.

The agreement is the outcome of negotiations which have lately been carried on between the employers and the printers' union organization. It is to continue in force for three years and committees representing both sides are to sign the bill at once. The union printers and newspaper offices affected by the agreement are: N. J. Roberts, J. J. Lamb & Co., R. Gasparello & Co., the Modern Printing Co., and the Barre Daily Times, Inc.

LOWER PRICE FOR TWO MONTHS.

**But Milk in Next Three Months Will
Make Up the Difference.**

County Agent F. H. Abbott has received from Richard Pattee, secretary of the New England Milk Producers' association, a letter stating that the association through its representatives has agreed with Food Administrator Hoover that the price of milk for the month of December milk shall be 7½ cents a quart instead of eight cents. That price becomes effective Dec. 1 for payment of milk shipped in November. The letter also states that, as a compromise, in January, February and March the price on milk shall be high enough to reimburse the farmers for the drop in price in effect for the two above named months this year. That means that in the Montpelier zone the farmers will have a net profit on their milk of \$2.912 per hundred weight.

WAIT TILL NEW YEAR'S.

**Before Beginning War Savings Campaign
in Vermont Schools.**

Commissioner of Education M. B. Hillegas this morning announced that the campaign to be conducted in the Vermont schools for the war savings effort will not be started until after New Year's. This is due to the fact that the pamphlets and instructions, which are to be used in the work, have not yet been furnished by the government and it seemed unwise to start it in the winter until after the vacation so that a large drive may be looked for after the New Year's.

Prof. Clyde Hill of the education department and John Avery are making a section of the course of study to be taught on investments in the schools along with the war savings campaign, most particularly as to bonds and war savings certificates.

Cards have been received announcing the safe arrival at Winter Park of the party which left Barre Nov. 23—Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Noyes, Justus Ketchum, Henry Smart, Mrs. Carrie Hopkins, Mrs. E. L. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Northrup. They report fine weather for the whole trip. The ocean steamer runs without lights at night, except the necessary ones, and those are jacketed with red cloth shades. Fine weather in Florida. Thermometer about 75 to 80 in middle of the day. A short crop of citrus fruits owing to hard freeze last February.

TO PUT CURB ON MYSTICS

**Barre City Council Proposes
to Make the "J. Mow-
brays," Etc., Register**

BY AMENDMENT TO CITY ORDINANCES

**Mind Readers, Fortune Tell-
ers, Palmists, Clairvoyants,
Hypnotists and Mediums**

Breakers abed, the Sleeping Lucys, the Artful Arties, the Little Wonders and the Welsh Sisters. Yes, and trouble in the offing for the J. Mowbrays and others of their vulpine ilk. The city fathers, if it is within the bounds of their authority, are going to make a lot of inconvenience for strolling clairvoyants, palmists, mediums, hypnotists, etc., and the skids for their decline were soaped at the regular meeting of the council last night, when a proposed amendment to the city ordinances, which is designed to curb sharp practices among such folk, was passed to a second reading. In substance, the amendment provides for the registration of palmists, mind readers, fortune tellers, clairvoyants, hypnotists and mediums at the office of the city clerk, for a registration fee of \$1, and for a bond of \$1,000. Also, if people are damaged or otherwise wronged in patronizing practitioners of this sort there is a penalty of from \$10 to \$50 and the forfeiture of the bond.

The amendment came to the council in the form of a report by City Clerk J. Mackay, who had been requested to investigate the propriety of regulation in the matter of mystics. His findings indicate that there is nothing in the public statutes, city ordinances or charter which provides regulation at the present time. Moreover, there isn't anything in the books which prohibits a municipality from making ordinances that are in the interest of public welfare and are not repugnant to the state or constitution of Vermont. The clerk reported a careful inquiry and ended by presenting a tentative amendment, at the same time suggesting that the city attorney's advice be sought before the draft becomes a part of the ordinance.

Members of the council opined that the clerk's investigation had been fruitful of some valuable recommendations. If the amendment is adopted at the next meeting, it will become a part of the ordinance which requires doctors, undertakers, sextons, midwives, grave diggers and the like to register, although the association of doctors, etc., with mind readers and mediums is not intentional nor designed to reflect on other professions. The ordinance offered an opening for the intersection and then the clerk proposed to fasten a grip on fakers who probably find a home.

All of the councilmen are frankly committed to the admission that the proposed amendment had its genesis in a desire to regulate the practice of such persons as Mr. J. Mowbray, who lately made hay under peculiarly propitious skies in Barre, and when the draft becomes a part of the city ordinance, glib-lovers, farm hands and young persons who wish to become movie vampires will find it harder than usual to part with their money. The motion which passed the draft to its second reading carried without dissent.

Forty-four arrests were credited to the police department in September, according to the report of Chief Sinclair. The offenses were divided as follows: Intoxication 28, breach of the peace 4, selling liquor illegally 1, search and seizure 5, keeping 2, open and gross lewdness 1, using auto with the wrong number plates 1, non-support 1, operating auto while intoxicated 1. The report was accepted.

On the favorable recommendation of the building department, Mayor Derrin has given a permit to build an annex to his dwelling on Hillside avenue. Reporting on a complaint made by Mrs. Vestelli Drown of Plain street, the street committee deposed that an offensive drain had been eliminated from the topography around Mrs. Drown's home. W. A. Bradford, who sought a permit to operate a three and one-half ton truck in 1918, was granted permission, with the usual restrictions as to load and bridges. The resignation of Andrew Knutson, recently removed to Rhode Island, as a special policeman was read and accepted. Mr. Knutson took occasion to thank the council for past favors and the pleasant sentiments expressed by the retiring officer were reciprocated by the council.

As the spokesman of the committee called, Alderman Alexander reported on his investigation of casualties among the fowls owned by James Davidson. It developed that four were killed by dogs, and on the alderman's recommendation Mr. Davidson is to be reimbursed for his losses at the usual rate per capita, 75 cents. Alderman Alexander put in a friendly word for the six ward boys who are laboring on a skating rink near Garfield avenue and it was stated that the fire and water committees would co-operate. The same councilman spoke of better lighting facilities for South Main and Murray streets and the lighting committee was directed to investigate conditions at the corner of Elmwood avenue and South Main street and at the corner of Murray and Ayers streets. Overseer William McDonald sent in a message which fixed \$1,130 as an estimate of the money necessary to pay November bills in the charity department. No action was taken, but it was taken for granted that the money would be forthcoming.

South Main street finances are being cleaned up, as was indicated in the budget of warrants, wherein three of the contractors were paid. The warrants were approved as follows: Street department payroll, \$23,435; street, resurfacing, sewer and sidewalk accounts; engineering department, \$33,770; water department payroll, \$40,240; fire department payroll, \$137,734; police department payroll, \$97,411; G. A. Bemis, \$16, services as janitor; J. C. DeBruin, \$2,318.49, balance of paving contract; Barre Paving & Contracting Co., \$4,698.75, balance of contract; G. L. Greig, \$19,022, to apply on contract; D. W. Gilbertson, \$13,200, services as wiring inspector; A. J. Langer, \$27, services as alderman.